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I graduated in 1970 from Kamehameha Schools. My Burke `ohana come from Waipio Valley on Moku Hawaii and my name, Kahookele are my kupuna who were navigators and canoe builders from Keanae, Maui. In 1991, I returned to college, received by A.A. from Kapiolani CC, then UH Manoa for my B.A. in Liberal Studies, a Masters in Public Health with a certificate degree in the Masters in Urban and Regional Planning, graduating in 2000.

In 2003 I launched The `Oiwi Files - NH News Journal which has a distribution of 20,000 statewide and is available in most libraries and NH agencies on all islands. The `O Files... Multi-Media Network's objectives are to develop a Native Hawaiian Network that owns a press, radio station and TV and/or cable network. The need for the NH community to communicate is invaluable to build the layers of our nationhood and have a solid base for socio-economic control and growth.

I have three objectives in my OHA campaign: 1)A comprehensive health care plan for all Native Hawaiians, so that no Hawaiian will be without medical and dental coverage. 2) A bank where every Native Hawaiian owns one share, this will be a powerful financial institution to deposit our wealth and protect our assets. 3) The return of our Hawaiian protocol in reciprocating hookupu from our visitors in seeking a cultural assessment fee to be deposited into a repository fund used to restore and protect our sacred sites, environment and cultural treasures.